

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

County area (local councils are): **(EAST SUSSEX)**

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- **New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	309,198	440,115					
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	152,000	159,000	7,000	4.61%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	137,123	133,468	-3,655	2.67%	NO		
4 Staff Costs	48,478	57,900	9,422	19.44%	YES		1) IN 2022-2023 THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF £3721 IN PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS TO INLAND REVENUE WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR. 2) IN 2022-2023 THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF £2387 IN CLERK/RFO SALARIES WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR. 3) IN 2022-2023 THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF £3033 IN CARETAKERS SALARIES WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	7,969	0	-7,969	100.00%	YES		THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD WAS PAID OFF IN FULL IN 2021-2022 SO NO PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN REQUIRED DURING 2022-2023
6 All Other Payments	401,759	215,736	113,977	112.01%	YES		EXPLAIN EXPENDITURE OF £113,977 THAT OCCURRED IN 2022-2023 THAT DID NOT HAPPEN IN 2021-2022: USE OF CONTRACTOR FOR LENGTHSMAN SERVICES £8446. ALTERATIONS TO THE PAVILION £15,000. DEPOSIT FOR THE PUBLIC TOILETS REFURBISHMENT £6195. PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATOR AND CABINET £2157. NEW OAK FRAMED BUS SHELTER £8150. CREATION OF DESIGN CODE FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN £4000. REPAIRS TO EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT £4002. CREATION OF JUBILEE BEACON £2700. INSTALLATION OF NEW AERIAL RUNWAY IN PLAY AREA £9564. INSTALLATION OF NEW SPORTS WALL PLAY FACILITY £18,720. CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN £3200. TREE WORKS AT SPARROWS GREEN RECREATION GROUND £5200. INSTALLATION OF NEW PLAY AREA - JUBILEE PLAY AREA £25,745
7 Balances Carried Forward	440,115	458,947			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	459,214	451,023				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	790,405	860,868	70,463	8.91%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable